

**I claim:**

1. A method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange, comprising the steps of:

providing a first protective layer and a second protective layer;

retaining a quantity of precious metal between said first protective layer and said second protective layer; and

attaching said first protective layer to said second protective layer, wherein said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange having at least the value of the precious metal contained therein.

2. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange with a thickness of no greater than .020 inches.

3. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

applying said quantity of precious metal to a substrate, retaining said substrate between said first protective layer and said second protective layer.

4. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

embedding said quantity of precious metal in a substrate, retaining said substrate between said first protective layer and said second protective layer.

5. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

applying an anti-counterfeiting measure to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange.

6. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

applying a color code to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange to differentiate value or the type of precious metal.

7. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

applying a denomination marking to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange to differentiate value or the type of precious metal.

8. A method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange, comprising the steps of:

providing a first protective layer and a second protective layer;

applying said quantity of precious metal to a substrate, retaining said substrate between said first protective layer and said second protective layer; and

attaching said first protective layer to said second protective layer, wherein said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange having at least the value of the precious metal contained therein.

9. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 8, further comprising the step of:

providing said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange with a thickness of no greater than .020 inches

10. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 8, further comprising the step of:

applying an anti-counterfeiting measure to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange.

11. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 8, further comprising the step of:

applying a color code to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange to differentiate value or the type of precious metal.

12. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 8, further comprising the step of:

applying a denomination marking to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange to differentiate value or the type of precious metal.

13. A method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange, comprising the steps of:

providing a protective pocket having an inner compartment with an open end;

inserting a quantity of precious metal into said inner compartment; and

sealing an open end of said inner compartment, wherein said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange having at least the value of the precious metal contained therein.

14. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

providing said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange with a thickness of no greater than .020 inches.

15. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

applying said quantity of precious metal to a substrate, retaining said substrate in said inner compartment.

16. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

embedding said quantity of precious metal in a substrate, retaining said substrate between said first protective layer and said second protective layer.

17. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

applying an anti-counterfeiting measure to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange.

18. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

applying a color code to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange to differentiate value or the type of precious metal.

19. The method of providing a paper-like precious metal medium of exchange of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

applying a denomination marking to said paper-like precious metal medium of exchange to differentiate value or the type of precious metal.